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SUBJECT: OECD:CSTP - DATA BANK PANEL STEERING GROUP MEET-
ING ON THE TECHNICAL SYMPOSIUM, MARCH 4, 1977

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1. SUMMARY-AS INDICATED REF MISSION IS REQUESTED TO ATTEND
STEERING GROUP MEETING ON MARCH 4. FOLLOWING IS GUIDANCE
FOR MEETING. END SUMMARY.

2. THE PURPOSE OF THE STEERING GROUP IS TO PROVIDE RE-
COMMENDATIONS AND INPUT ONLY ON THE TECHNICAL SYMPOSIUM
DURING THE TIME BETWEEN DATA BANK PANEL MEETINGS BUT THE
FINAL AUTHORITY RESTS WITH THE PLENARY GROUP.

3. UNDER OUR PRESENT UNDERSTANDING, INVITATIONS WILL BE
MADE TO THE OECD NATIONAL DELEGATIONS, THAT THEY WILL BE
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REQUESTED TO SEND TEN TO FIFTEEN EXPERT PARTICIPANTS, THAT
THERE SHOULD BE NO MORE THAN TWO TECHNICAL PAPERS OR
PRESENTATIONS PER COUNTRY DELEGATION, AND THAT THE PARTICI-
PANTS ARE CONTRIBUTING THEIR INDIVIDUAL "EXPERT OPINION"
RATHER THAN "A NATIONAL OPINION." THE INVITATION MAY BE
CONSIDERED TO HAVE THREE PARTS: (A) THE PRO FORMA, PROTOCOL
INVITATION TO THE NATIONAL MISSIONS OF THE OECD.

(B) A FACTUAL STATEMENT OF THE PURPOSE AND ANTICIPATED PRODUCT OF THE TECHNICAL SYMPOSIUM. THE PURPOSE OF THE SYMPOSIUM IS TO GATHER FACTUAL, CONCRETE, OBJECTIVE DATA FROM THE INVITED PARTICIPANTS FOR THE USE OF THE DATA BANK PANEL. THE POTENTIAL PRODUCT IS A PROCEEDINGS OF THIS GATHERED DATA. ANY SUMMARY OF THE SYMPOSIUM FINDINGS WILL BE PREPARED BY THE DATA BANK PANEL.

(C) A LIST OF QUESTIONS IDENTIFYING THE INFORMATION SOUGHT BY THE DATA BANK PANEL THAT WOULD HELP ITS DELIBERATIONS ABOUT THE POTENTIAL INTERACTION BETWEEN PRESERVING INDIVIDUAL PRIVACY RIGHTS AND MAINTAINING THE UNCONSTRAINED FLOW OF TRANSBORDER DATA.

(WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE POSSIBLE SYMPOSIUM SITE, PARTS ONE AND TWO COULD BE PREPARED NOW. PART THREE WOULD BE PREPARED TO THE EXTENT AND DETAIL NOW AVAILABLE BUT ADDITIONAL TOPICS COULD BE SUBMITTED UNTIL APRIL 4, 1977 AND PART THREE WOULD INDICATE THIS FACT.)

4. THE TECHNICAL SYMPOSIUM SHOULD HAVE THE FOLLOWING STRUCTURE: (A) THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DATA BANK PANEL SHOULD BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SYMPOSIUM. (B) INTRODUCTORY REMARKS SHOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR A TECHNICAL SYMPOSIUM. THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STEERING GROUP WILL BE APPROVED BY THE DATA BANK PANEL AS TO THEME AND SPEAKERS. (C) THE TECHNICAL SESSIONS WILL BE IN THE FORM OF INDIVIDUAL OR PANEL PRESENTATIONS TO THE GENERAL AUDIENCE. TOPICS UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR DISCUSSION WILL BE RESPONSES TO THE QUESTIONS SOLICITING TECHNICAL DATA. (D) RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STEERING GROUP FOR TERMINAL THEMES AND SPEAKERS WILL BE APPROVED BY THE DATA BANK PANEL. THE DATA BANK PANEL WILL MEET IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SYMPOSIUM. AT THAT TIME, THE DATA BANK PANEL MAY, OR MAY NOT, DRAW CONCLUSIONS, WITHIN THEIR COMPETENCE, ABOUT THE DATA COLLECTED. VANCE

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